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**Russians 'Pay
\$1.50 A Page'
For Magazine**

New York, Jan. 18 (AP) — Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said last night the Russian people pay black market prices to get hold of an American magazine.

They are "so eager to learn of the outside world," Smith said, that they pay \$1.50 a page for copies of the magazine, *America*, on "the black market."

The State Department distributes the magazine to persons approved by the Soviet Government, he said, but somehow copies eventually reach nonapproved persons.

Smith spoke at a dinner sponsored by New York printing, publishing, advertising, and civic groups.

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HUNGER FOR NEWS

Reports filtering through from Soviet Russia indicate the existence of at least a minority of Russians who seem anxious to find out the latest news from America.

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If what Smith says is true, and there seems to be little reason to doubt the veracity or source of the information, this news would indicate at least the existence of a small group of 'doubters' within the Iron Curtain.

It also indicates the possible value which might accrue from a widespread and relatively inexpensive campaign to flood portions of Russia with stories and pictures dealing with America.

Simple statements of fact which would point up the wide difference in standards of living might easily prove to be a potent cold war propaganda weapon.